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THOUSANDS came out to cheer on the 25 groups that took part in this year's Hackney Carnival parade, which was bigger, better

and bolder than ever before. The carnival groups from as far afield as the Gambia. Bolivia. China and Brazil shimmied their way down a new route

through Hackney Central. Away from the feathers, glitz and booming beats in the main parade, were the seven sound systems, two live music stages, two children's zones, a wellbeing area, pop-up street art and 30 stalls offering food from around the world. Cllr Kam Adams, the Speaker

of Hackney, said: "A huge congratulations to everyone involved in the biggest Hackney Carnival of all time!" See more on pages 6-9.



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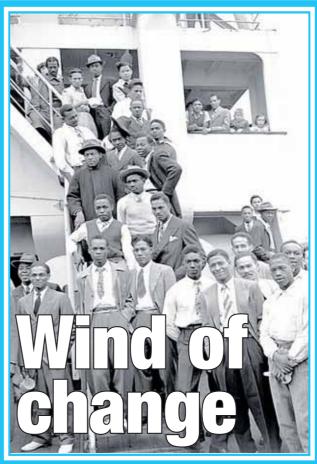
AYOR Philip Glanville has called on the new Home Secretary to scrap the current 'hostile environment' policies, raise awareness of the Windrush Compensation scheme, provide legal aid to those affected, and launch a formal independent inquiry into the treatment of the Windrush generation.

The letter to Priti Patel, also signed by Cllr Carole Williams, Cabinet Member for Windrush, said: "Hackney is proud to have a long-cherished history of being a destination for new arrivals in the UK, making it the special place it is today. As representatives of Hackney, we are appalled that some of our residents have been treated as second class citizens.

"The 'hostile environment' immigration policies have caused significant harm to our residents, as well as deep personal anguish. As you take up your new position, we urge you to reverse these policies and commit to act to resolve the outstanding Windrush cases.

"We are concerned that the Home Office has failed to launch a nationally coordinated information campaign to alert individuals of their right to make a claim. The failure to do so means that potentially thousands of individuals will not be compensated.

"This work has been left



ally on HMT Windrush in 1948

The 'hostile environment' immigration policies have caused significant harm to our residents

to local councils, underfunded advice agencies, not-for-profit groups, and legal firms. We challenge you, as you take on your role as Home Secretary, to do what your last two predecessors failed to do and resolve all the outstanding Windrush cases and hold a

full public enquiry into the Windrush scandal so that we can ensure that this never happens again."

MORE INFO



The full letter can be read at: is.gd/ophltA

Windrush: How to claim

THE Windrush Compensation Scheme is available for those who have 'suffered a loss' because they could not easily demonstrate their right to live in the UK. It is open to anyone from any Commonwealth country not just the Caribbean - who arrived before 1 January 1973, and those with a 'right of abode' or 'settled status' who arrived in the UK before 31 December 1988. regardless of nationality. As well as those directly affected, it also covers family members and carers who may have been impacted financially, emotionally or otherwise. Compensation could be paid for loss of employment, immigration fees incurred, loss of tenancy and being made homeless, impact on health and education, non-access to banking, wrong detention and removal, and general impact on 'normal daily life'. For information and to claim, visit: www.gov. uk/guidance/windrush-

CITIZENS Advice in Hackney Central offers confidential advice and support for people who think they may be eligible to claim. This could be over the phone or in person. Call: 020 8525 6350.

compensation-scheme

Shared reading groups begin

HACKNEY libraries have joined with national charity The Reader to launch 'Shared Reading' groups for older people in the borough.

The scheme is aimed at local older people who find it difficult to get out and about. Shared Reading provides free transport for older people to meet up and enjoy reading and discussions together in a friendly setting.

The groups will begin at Clapton Library, E5, every Tuesday, 11am to 12noon, from 5 November; and at Homerton Library, E9, every through Thursday, 11am to 12noon, Hackney from 7 November.

Two more groups are set to open at the Salvation Army in Hoxton and the Hackney Caribbean Elderly Organisation in Stoke Newington, with more to follow later in the year.

The project is supported by the Arts Council Library Services and

the Big Lottery Fund.

The free transport service has to be booked in advance, preferably by 14 October, on a first-comefirst-served basis.



To book a space or arrange transport, call: 07939 559 954.

For more information, email: evecantor@ thereader.org.uk

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RITANNIA Leisure Centre users joined **Our investment at Britannia**

> is just one of the many places in the borough where we are building homes

the Mayor of Hackney, Philip Glanville, and Deputy Mayor, Cllr Feryal Clark, to see the construction of their new leisure centre getting underway in Hoxton.

Members of the New Age Games - a Council sports programme for residents over the age of 50 – were given a tour of the site and signed a concrete block that will be used in the basement of the new building.

The Council is building the state-of-the-art new centre to replace the current

one, which has outdated facilities and is increasingly expensive to maintain, alongside a much-needed

new secondary school and hundreds of new homes.

The new centre, due to open in 2021, will feature first-class swimming pools and a flume, a modern

hall and courts, as well as a fitness suite, studio spaces, sauna and steam room.

> On 16 September, the Council's Cabinet approved the next steps in building the first phase of homes in the project, with nearly 90 per cent for genuinely affordable social rent

and shared ownership.

Mayor Glanville said: "Hackney is building. Our investment at Britannia is just one of many places in the borough where we're building homes and other facilities our residents need.

"It was fantastic to see how quickly construction is coming along with some of the residents who will benefit most from this excellent new leisure centre.'

MORE INFO



Find out more at: www.hackney.gov. uk/britannia-site

News in brief

Grants available for great ideas

UP TO £1,000 of Community Chest grants are being made available to local groups and residents to make small ideas become big successes.

Since it was launched in 2013 the Council has awarded over £20,000 in Community Chest grants, helping hundreds of projects along the way.

Successful projects include a grant to Daubeney Fields Forever's outdoor summer festival.

Cllr Caroline Selman, Cabinet Member for Community Safety, Policy, and the Voluntary Sector, said: "Across Hackney there are many groups that have great ideas to help make Hackney an even better place. If your

organisation has an idea, but needs some

extra help, then I would encourage you to apply for the Council's Community Chest Grant.'

The deadline for submissions is 12noon on 30 September. For more information, or to apply, visit: www.hackney.gov.uk/ community-grants



THE Council, London Fire Brigade, Metropolitan Police and partners will be holding an emergency planning exercise at Burtonwood House, on Woodberry Down Estate, on 8 October.

The exercise will allow the agencies to practise how they would respond to a serious incident in the borough and to test their plans. The exercise will be live and as realistic as possible, while being controlled at all times. It will include a simulated fire – with fake smoke – and a mass evacuation of volunteer actors. There will also be a mock rest centre at

the Redmond Community Centre. Some parking restrictions will be in place from 10am on the day in the area surrounding Burtonwood and Ashburton House.

For more information about the exercise, email: emergency.planning@ hackney.gov.uk; or for more general emergency planning information, visit: www.hackney. gov.uk/emergency-planning

EU Settlement Scheme: Make sure you apply

EUROPEAN citizens who help make Hackney such a vibrant place to live are being urged to apply for Settled Status.

About 15 per cent of Hackney residents – 41,500 people – are from other EU countries. They, along with people from Switzerland,

Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, must apply by 30 June 2021, or 31 December 2020 if the UK leaves the EU without a deal, if they wish to retain their current rights to live, work and access services should Brexit go ahead.

The process can be

done online and should be straightforward for most.

Hackney Mayor Philip Glanville is writing to the borough's EU citizens to alert them to the need to apply for Settled Status, as well as reassure them that, whatever happens with Brexit, Hackney values

its EU citizens and they are welcome in the borough.

He said: "Hackney is proud to be an open, tolerant and diverse borough. European citizens are a key part of Hackney's wonderful diversity and make an enormous contribution to the civic, economic and cultural

life of Hackney. They are our friends, neighbours, colleagues and members of our communities.

"We continue to oppose a 'no deal' Brexit, and call for a real say on our future relationship with the EU, but we have to prepare residents for any eventuality."

Getting help

 Settled Status info and to apply: is.gd/pMJHQT

•The Council offers a walk-in service for people who want help scanning and verifying their ID document:

is.gd/uZnkUy

• A range of local advice and support services available are listed on the GLA's EU Londoner's Hubb: is.gd/yaBCHF

news

WO new schemes will see developers contributing towards the cost of local arts and culture programmes in Hackney.

The newly approved Community Infrastructure Levy will see a charge applied to developers who submit planning applications in the borough.

The money raised will help to pay for local arts and cultural events that are focused on bringing residents together as well as neighbourhood projects.

Both Hackney Carnival and Discover Young Hackney will benefit from this new injection of funds, and voluntary and not-for-profit organisations are also being encouraged to apply for grants. Bidding will be open every six months, and more details are expected to follow later this year.

Cllr Guy Nicholson, Cabinet Member for Planning, Culture and Inclusive Economy, said: "Whilst developers are welcome to invest into our borough it's vital that everyone who lives and works in the borough can also benefit from this growth and our changing borough."

Meanwhile, thousands of residents are expected to benefit from the new Shoreditch and Hoxton Art Fund, created from a levy on developers in the area to support programmes



This funding brings together local people and arts groups to deliver this fantastic community-led programme

and events that celebrate arts and culture and bring different communities together. The first five arts and cultural organisations to benefit from the levy have now been announced.

Clod Ensemble, Hoxton Hall, PEER, Eastside Educational Trust and Create London will share £90,000 raised through the levy and will run projects including an arts exhibition in Shoreditch Library, and a project where young people will make and sell pottery at Hoxton Street Market.

Cllr Nicholson continued: "Shoreditch and Hoxton

have seen huge cultural and economic investment in the last 15 years, with some of the world's leading tech, digital and creative companies making their home here.

"But it's vital that change benefits all of our residents, which is why this funding – which comes directly from a levy placed on new developments in the area – brings together local people and arts groups to deliver this fantastic communityled programme."

MORE INFO

For more information, visit: www.hackney. gov.uk/culture





Hackney residents set to take part in a census rehearsal

RESIDENTS are set to receive a letter, asking them to take part in a census rehearsal.

Hackney is one of four testing areas ahead of the 2021 Census – along with Tower Hamlets, Carlisle and Ceredigion.

The Office of National Statistics (ONS) hopes the rehearsal will ensure its processes, systems and services are effective and working as they should ahead of the full census in 2021.

Every 10 years the ONS runs the census – a nationwide survey of the population and housing – in England and Wales. The census is the only survey which provides a detailed picture of the entire population.

It informs many decisions both nationally and locally on issues like diversity, and on the provision of key services like school places, hospital beds, GP and dentist services, where to build houses and roads, as well as business decisions as to where to invest in.

The next census, scheduled for March 2021, will be 'digital-first'. For the first time, the census will be predominantly online, but help will be available for those unable to fill in the census in that way.

Census rehearsal day is

13 October and letters will arrive from 25 September. For more information visit: census.gov.uk





Mayor's column

How Government cuts are affecting Hackney Council

NEARLY a decade after Government cuts first hit, councils like Hackney are still having to think about how to balance the books each year, to make sure we can continue delivering the vital services you need, want and expect. Since 2010, we have lost more than 50 per cent of the budget we get to spend on your local services, which means we've had to make more than £140 million of savings. We've always opposed this austerity, but still had to balance the books, through cutting management and back office costs, redesigning services, insourcing services, renegotiating contracts, reducing our office footprint and increasing the income we receive through fees, charges, commercial rents, and more recently and regrettably, increasing council tax.

That way, despite the second highest levels of central Government cuts in the country, we've fought hard to protect frontline services. But this is getting more challenging every year, as the cost of austerity – with cuts to other public services like the NHS and damaging welfare reform – means that demand for our services is growing all the time. We're looking after more vulnerable children, the cost of supporting adults is going up, and the number of people becoming homeless continues to soar every year. After the Chancellor announced his pre-election spending spree earlier this month, people asked me if that means we no longer have to worry about our finances. Unfortunately the reality couldn't be further from the truth.

We must be clear that these funding pledges are for one year only, and do nothing to reverse the damage of nine years of cuts and the dismantling of the welfare system. For example, $\mathfrak{L}700$ million for special needs education is half of what schools and families across the country need. The short term, $\mathfrak{L}1.5$ billion boost for social care is clever Government spin, part-funded by an assumed council tax increase by all local authorities, and goes nowhere near to covering the $\mathfrak{L}2.5$ billion gap in funding.

Meanwhile the Fair Funding Review, which is due to now come into effect from 2021/22, will remove important funding considerations such as deprivation and homelessness rates from the formula the Government uses to calculate funding for boroughs. Some of the key issues that affect inner city areas like Hackney will effectively be ignored by the Government as they make funding decisions. We need to plan to save a further £25 million. To do this, we need to make the Council smaller, and even more efficient, so we have launched a voluntary redundancy programme. And we will need to look hard at the services we provide and work out where we can save money whilst minimising the impact on residents.

We won't know for sure how much funding we'll have until the Chancellor confirms it in December, so over the coming months we'll also be talking to residents about how they use particular services, including parks and green spaces and our libraries. We are making a commitment to involve residents in decisions, and in helping to shape savings. It's absolutely vital that we plan for the long term, even if the Government won't. We're still committed to providing first class public services, tackling inequality, and investing in Hackney through building new Council homes, renewing our schools, improving air quality — working together to make Hackney fairer, safer, and more sustainable.

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ACKNEY is set to celebrate the power and politics of African and Caribbean hair and fashion in the borough throughout October, as part of its Black History Season of events.

The packed programme of events begins on 1 October with the flying of Hackney's very own Black History Season flag outside Hackney Town Hall.

Following on from the launch, there will be arts and crafts workshops, film screenings, food tasting sessions, guest speakers and live music.

Cllr Anntoinette Bramble, Deputy Mayor of Hackney, said: "We are committed to celebrating diversity in our borough throughout the year, and to celebrate the contribution of our Caribbean and African residents and heritage."

Here are some of this year's highlights:

POETRY WORKSHOP

3 Oct, 5.30pm-7.30pm Explore the poetry of writer, lyricist and musician Benjamin Zephaniah and be inspired to create your own work. All ages. Hackney Central Library, E8 1GQ. Info: 020 8356 3000; www.hackney.gov.uk/ hackney-central-library

STORIES FROM AFRIKA & THE CARIBBEAN

5 Oct, 5.30pm-7.30pm Bema Arts Edutainment by some of the best storytellers

Black History Season events at the youth hubs

YOUNG Hackney will be marking Black History Season across the borough's youth hubs with a broad range of fun and informative activities and workshops. Highlights include 'The politics of hair': 'Expressions of masculinity'; 'Sporting heroes'; and 'Black SuperSheroes'.

Find your local hub at: Concorde, Kingsmead Way, Clapton, E9 5PP; Forest Road, 29 Forest Road, Dalston, E8 3BY; The Edge, 7 Woodberry Grove, Woodberry Down, N4 1SN; Stoke Newington hub, Chaucer Court, N16 8TS. For more info, visit: www.younghackney.org



5 Oct, 2pm-4pm A screening of Spike Lee's basketball epic starring Denzil Washington. Ages 15+. Dalston CLR James Library, E8 3BQ. Info: 020 8356 3000; www.hackney.gov.uk/ dalston-library

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All ages. Homerton Library,

www.hackney.gov.uk/

HACKNEY FILM CLUB

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historian and musician) around.

E9 6AS. Info: 020 8356 3000;

HAIR BRAIDING FOR

12 Oct, 11.30am-1pm Hair braiding has been around for over 5,000 years. Come along and learn the basics. All ages. Shoreditch Library, N1 6LP. Info: 020 8356 3000; www.hackney.gov.uk/ shoreditch-library

THE SOUL MAN

19 Oct, 4pm-4.45pm & 5.15pm-6pm

The Soul Man (aka Peter Symphorien) generates energy where he performs. All ages. Hackney Central Library, E8 1GQ & Dalston CLR James Library, E8 3BQ. Info: 020 8356 3000; www.hackney. gov.uk/libraries

AFRICAN BATA DANCE

30 Oct 2.30pm-4pm Come along and express yourself through movement and dance. All ages. Shoreditch Library, N1 6LP. Info: 020 8356 3000; www. hackney.gov.uk/shoreditch-



Celebrate black history

Hackney's Black History Season returns next month, celebrating African & Caribbean hairstyles and fashion

Hackney's Got Style

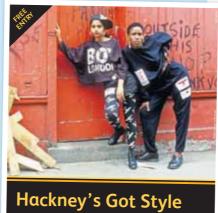
THE exhibition 'Hackney's Got Style: celebrating the history and impact of African and Caribbean Fashion and Hair' is set to take place at Hackney Museum from 1 October to 11 January.

From Sunday bests to Saturday night threads, from locks to the Jheri curl, this exhibition celebrates the history and impact of African and Caribbean style and hair through the eyes of Hackney people.

Explore how the clothes African and Caribbean residents wear - and how they style their hair - has expressed and impacted identity since the 1950s, and what this means for people today.

Discover the local entrepreneurs, designers and fashionistas who have changed British culture, in the borough and beyond.

For more info, visit: www. hackney.gov.uk/museum



Windrush Generations Festival 2019

HACKNEY celebrated the country's first National Windrush Day, with a range of exciting activities and celebrations in the borough, throughout the spring and summer months

The festival brought the community together at the Council's second Caribbean Tea Party in Stoke Newington Town Hall on 22 June and through intergenerational baking days, cricket matches, a domino tournament, street parties and more.

The launch of the Council's Windrush cookbook, which features a range of traditional recipes such as coconut drops, plantain tarts, sweet potato pudding and plant-based dishes, has been popular across generations. Purchase Traditional Caribbean Baking Recipes - by Hackney's Windrush

Generation – for £5 from Pages of Hackney, 70 Lower Clapton Road, E5 ORN, and Burley Fisher Books, 400 Kingsland Rd, E8 4AA, and Hackney Museum, 1 Reading Lane, E8 1GQ with all proceeds going towards next year's Windrush

The books are also available to borrow from libraries across the borough.

feature

ACKNEY'S biggest ever carnival took place under the blazing sunshine on 8 September, featuring 25 parade groups, seven sound systems, two acoustic stages, pop-up street art and two children's zones.

The carnival groups from as far afield as the Gambia, Bolivia, China and Brazil shimmied their way down a new route starting on Mare Street, turning left onto Graham Road and down Queensbridge Road, before turning back towards London Fields to end on Lansdowne Drive.

As the groups – inspired by the theme 'sustainability' – danced past judges in Hackney Town Hall Square, there were extra big cheers for local groups Jamboulay Carnival Arts, GAHU Dramatic Arts, Jun Mo and Tropical Isles.

Performer Saffrin Leicester, 16, said: "Me and my dad are here performing together. We're having a great time and it's amazing to be part of the local community!"

Peacocks, a lion, wolves, cows and even a huge pig were part of the fabulous costumes on display.

Spectator Evelyn Girling, 54, said: "I love Hackney Carnival – I've been to every one! I'm local and it's very community based. It's really great to reclaim the streets for a day."

Pax Nindi, Founder of Global Carnival Centre and Hackney Carnival Artistic Director, added: "It's so exciting to see so many residents coming out to experience Hackney Carnival. The atmosphere is electric, the costumes just keep on getting better, and the colours are fantastic. It's an absolute joy!"

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The Carnival is funded by Arts Council England and Hackney Council.
Partners include Transport for London, Second Screen, Dukeminster, St Johnat-Hackney, Tesco and Shoreditch Town Hall.

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"Hackney Carn of different cult demographics their own uniqu and I love being Ken Hinds, 61

"Hackney Carnival is a beautiful mix of different cultures, backgrounds and demographics expressing themselves all in their own unique way. It's a great celebration and I love being part of it year after year." Carnival groups from as far afield as the Gambia, Bolivia and China were involved

DID YOU KNOW?











life." Sherene Doughty, 28, (left)

celebrities!" Keto, 51, and his son Maxi (centre) on the St Joseph's Compassionate Neighbours bus





Carnival groups

UFO Steel Band Taru Arts **Dende Samba Reggae** Unity No Nonsense **Inspiration Arts** Iconic Hackney Group **Urban Touch** Me Viejo San Simon Jun Mo Generation **GAHU Dramatic Arts Paracarnival Talentos Yaram Arts** Mandinga Arts
Paraiso School of Samba Heritage Social Arts Soca Sagaboys
Jamboulay Carnival Arts **Dimensions London** Tropical Isles **Soca Massive** Elimu Mas Band **UCOM Pantonic** Hackney Carnival Elders







Greenest ever Carnival

THIS year's Hackney Carnival was the greenest ever, following a raft of measures by the Council to increase recycling and reduce waste.

There were free water stations at eight locations around the site, which encouraged people to

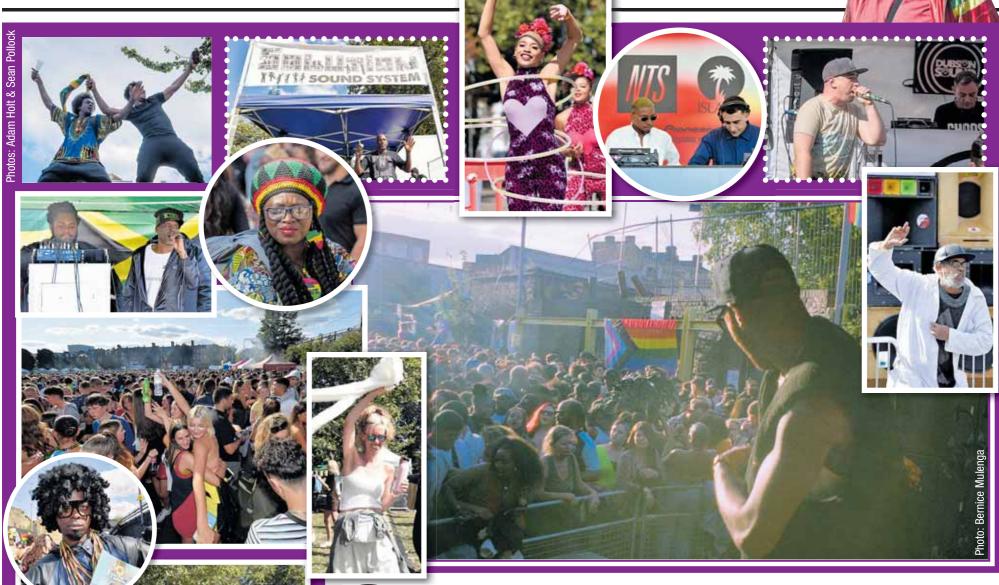


bring reusable bottles, as well as multiple waste and disposal points.

Traders were encouraged not to use plastic materials and marketing and promotional materials, and PA systems on floats were powered by renewable vegetable oil generators, which do not emit greenhouse gases.

Cllr Jon Burke, Cabinet Member for Energy, Waste, Transport and Public Realm, said: "As a Council, we've committed to some of the most ambitious actions of any local authority in the country to reduce waste and emissions."

feature



Sounding large

Thousands of revellers partied to Hackney Carnival's seven sound systems and two live music stages





WAY from the feathers and glitz of the main parade, carnival-goers could enjoy seven sound systems, two live music stages, two children's zones, a wellbeing area,

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pop-up street art and 30 stalls offering food from around the world.

Hackney Carnival favourites NTS drew thousands to the sound system's new home in Tesco car park with a massive line-up including surprise guest Wiley, plus Ms Banks and Donae'O.

Revellers from as far

I love how everyone in the area comes to turn up for the day and have good vibes

afield as the United States, danced side-by-side with Hackney residents to grime, soca, Afrobeat and hip-hop.

Johari, 25, said: "I am an American here on vacation and I heard about the carnival so thought I would come and check it out. It's like an outdoor rave... NTS sound system was lit!"

Adanna, 19, from Homerton, added: "I come every year with my mates. There's so much to do all

over Hackney Central and I love how everyone in the area comes to turn up for the day and have good vibes.'

Another sound system favourite – despite only being in its second year - was Faggamuffin Bloc Party in Bohemia Place.

Run and curated by queer people of colour, its mission statement is to 'stake our claim to carnival, affirming our identities and showing

pride in our visibility as queer people of colour in Hackney'.

A massive crowd, encompassing all ages, genders, ethnicities and sexualities came out in support and were rewarded with a surprise headline performance by Lady Leshurr. Fellow UK rap star Roxxxan was also a big draw, alongside a stella line-up of DJs, and drag kings Romeo De La Cruz and Wesley Dykez.

Solution Sounds, Community Hi Fi, Jah Prophecies and First Class Sounds all attracted thousands of revellers with their laid-back roots, reggae



This was the first time Hackney Carnival was centred around a 'carnival village' in Hackney Central



and dub sounds, while Dubson Sounds made the crowd go wild with its oldschool jump-up jungle.

Also away from the main parade – but another highlight of the carnival programme – were the two acoustic stages.

Churchwell Path brought in crowds of all ages with its eclectic line-up of comedy, spoken word, hip hop reggae, soul and pop.

Jamaican comedian and singer Ping Wing kicked the set off with Motown tunes and Michael Jackson medleys, which had people dancing under the September sun, followed by Miss Trendee who kept the carnival vibes going with her vibrant rap performance.

Spoken word artist JJ Akinlade wowed revellers with his powerful poems that featured messages about inequality, misinformation in the media and war; and Mark 1 had the crowd singing along to his rendition of George Michael's 'Faith'.

Miroslaw Przybyla, 46, said: "I'm really enjoying the music here! I've been waiting for this event for a while, and it's really wonderful to see this kind of music."

Highlights on St John's live stage included entertainment from Jah Bunny, DJ Green Papi, local gospel choirs and a special performance from the king of African electronic music and rap, Ata Kak.

While on the Narrow Way, buskers, street artists, and performers entertained shoppers and Sunday strollers with their quirky live acts, encouraging residents to get involved in the carnival spirit.

Cllr Kam Adams, The Speaker of Hackney, said: "Huge congratulations to everyone involved in the biggest Hackney Carnival of all time! What an amazing atmosphere, a fitting celebration of the borough's diverse community."

'carnival village' in Hackn



The kids are alright

Hackney's family-friendly carnival had two separate children's zones for kids and their carers to let their hair down



"It's a very good family feel, our children loved Disco Loco – it's great to see them having fun and enjoying the music in a safe environment." **Anna and Saloum Nijie with their children Dimitris, seven, and twins Xander and Ariyanna, five**



TINY tots and big kids alike had a ball at this year's Hackney Carnival, as they played and danced the day away in two family-friendly areas. Hackney Playbus parked by Hackney Town Hall Square where under-fives got messy in sand pits, made pasta necklaces, and rode toy cars while their parents were entertained by the passing carnival parade and the laid-back reggae beats from Jah Prophecies sound system. Just a three minute walk away, on Hillman Street,

not-for-profit cycling group

Stars 'n' Stripes hired out free bikes for children to ride up and down the pop-up cycle playroad. There was also a separate children's area in St John's playground where family party creators Disco Loco entertained the crowds from 11am to 6pm. Facepainting and hula-hooping were also on offer for young and old to enjoy. Mum Melissa, who attended carnival with her three-anda-half-year-old daughter Amelia, said: "I think having the children's areas are fantastic. There's a great community spirit here."



"We heard this was a really diverse, family-friendly carnival, and we're not disappointed! We've danced at Disco Loco, ridden a free balance bike and played on the Hackney Play Bus!" Simon Elton, 38, & son Raphael, two, (pictured below)



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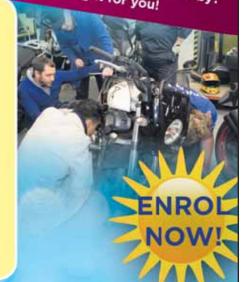
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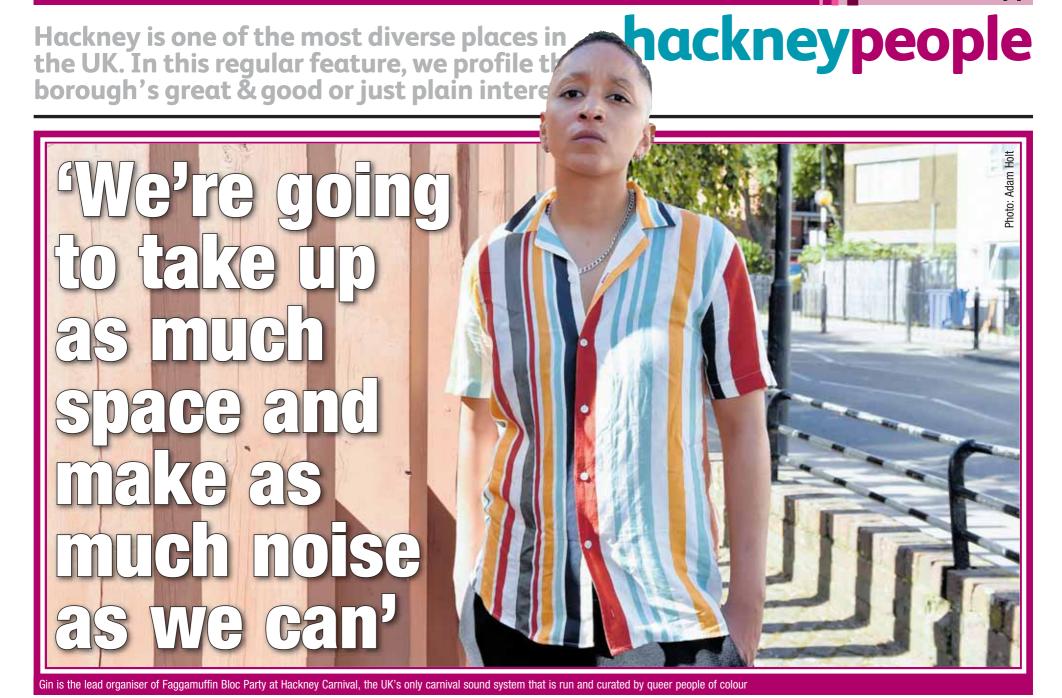
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By Harriet Worsley

ID you know that Bermuda had its first ever Pride last month?", asks Virginia Wilson, better known as Gin - the organiser of Faggamuffin Bloc Party.

Launched in 2018, it was an immediate success, and remains the UK's only carnival sound system run and curated by queer people of colour.

But back, for the moment, to Bermuda's Pride. Gin says: "I so wanted to go but couldn't afford tickets. I sat watching it on social media, crying. People were singing 'We Are Family'. Bermudians were all joining in these gay anthems, they even imported rainbow flags onto the island for the occasion. It was beautiful to watch. And it hit me, this is why Faggamuffin is so important to me.

"When I was growing up in Bermuda there was no legislation that protected you from discrimination or abuse on the basis of your identity as a lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, plus (LGBTQI+) person. There was a lot of violence against our community, especially if you were black Bermudian.'

As a kid, Gin tried to be out and proud. They continue: "I'd wear shirts that read: 'come out, come out, wherever you are'. But around me, there was fear and secrecy. I would have loved to have something that let me celebrate my blackness, my Caribbean heritage and my LGBTQI+ identity. I didn't know there was this hole in my heart, until it was filled.'

Gin moved to the UK on their own, aged 19, and drifted around London until settling in Hackney a couple of years ago. Gins says: "It's been quite a journey to find

I would've loved to have something that let me celebrate my blackness, Caribbean heritage and LGBTQI+ identity

my corner and my network, to reach a point where I can slow down and feel like I've got a community. But I'm beginning to feel like here, in Hackney, I'm at home."

A multi-talented DJ, venue manager, events producer and drag king, Gin soon became a leading member of DJ collectives Nite Dykes, Goldsnap and Resis'dance. They developed a reputation for giving women, gendernonbinary and workingclass artists a platform. They have also been instrumental in introducing safer-space policies to London's latenight venues.

Gin says: "Safer spaces protect everyone. **Evolutionary Arts Hackney** [EartH], where I've been working for the last year, was one of the first to have a safer space policy in place all the time, not just for queer events."

Curriculum Vitae: Virginia Wilson (Gin)

1991

1996

Moves to the UK, age 19

Organises the first ever Faggamuffin Bloc Party at 2018 Hackney Carnival

Born in Mexico Moves to Bermuda, age five

Little surprise then, that when the Council sought to make sure Hackney Carnival was as inclusive as possible, organisers wanted to work with a group that included Gin.

They explain: "The Council did a call out for Hackney-based queer people of colour who wanted to develop a project as part of the Hackney Pride 365 programme. We met last March for the first time and started throwing these huge ideas around. Someone mentioned a carnival sound system. All of a sudden, it became a reality.

"We were putting together a line-up of DJs and performers that featured only queer people of colour. There was a fear the Caribbean community wouldn't accept us, especially as there'd not been an openly queer stage like this at carnival before.

We were nervous about being loud and proud.

We brainstormed sound system names that were more subtle, like 'One Love' and then the group had an epiphany. We thought: f*** it. We don't want to hide anymore. We have an opportunity here. We can be at the centre of a celebration of Caribbean tradition we've often felt excluded from. We can start conversations. We can help other people feel seen. We're going to take up as much space and make as much noise as we can."

Faggamuffin Bloc Party was born. And it was an immediate, familyfriendly, free, inclusive and fabulously queer success.

"That first year, we filled the space. This year, it was even more packed. Now we're working towards hosting other bloc parties at other carnivals. We're figuring out how to make it bigger without losing that independent spirit.'

Maybe one day, Gin can even take it to Bermuda.



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what's on



There's so much to do in and around Hackney. From theatre to club nights, art exhibitions to community events. Here's our pick of what's on this fortnight:

1. NOTICE THE SMALL THINGS

Artists showcase work dedicated to the art of the miniature

▶ See Art & Exhibitions

2. LEARN TO KNIT

Introductory class aimed at new knitters shows how to make a raglan cardigan or sweater

▶ See Courses

3. RE:IMAGINE: THE HISTORY OF HOUSE

House music classics performed by 16-piece Rogue Symphony

▶ See Nightlife

4. DEAD FUNNY

A celebration of the life of a dead comic suddenly turns fast, furious and farcical

► See Theatre & Live Entertainment

5. THE BIG LONDON FLEA

Hunt for personal treasures and rummage for bargains

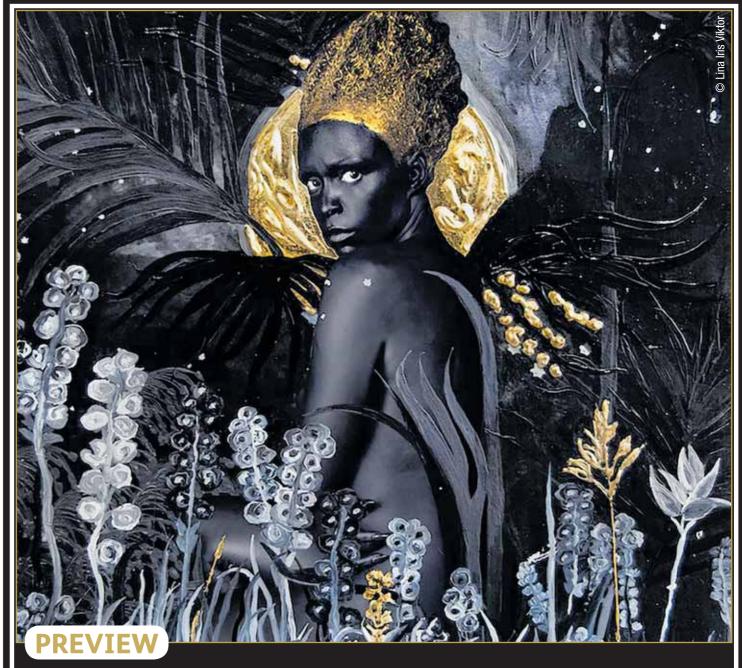
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Some are Born to Endless Night - Dark Matter

Until 25 Jan, various opening times, Autograph, Rivington Place EC2A 3BA

WHEN a photography gallery decides to pull out all the stops to mount its largest ever show – two floors, no less – the art world quickly takes notice. Autograph in Shoreditch has done just that with the frankly astounding work of British-Liberian artist Lina Iris Viktor.

Her photography, painting and sculptural installations are infused with cultural histories of the global African diaspora

and preoccupied with multifaceted notions of blackness: as colour, as material and as socio-political consciousness. To Viktor, black is the proverbial materia prima: the source, the dark matter that birthed everything.

Pay a visit and become immersed in deep lustres of black punctuated with luminous 24-carat gold and opulent ultramarine blue hues. Free entry.

▶ For more info, visit: www.autograph.org.uk/exhibitions/some-are-born-to-endless-night-dark-matter

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NOTICE THE SMALL THINGS

Until 29 Sep, Mon-Sat

11am-7pm, Sun 12noon-6pm An eclectic mix of artists showcase their works in this exhibition dedicated to the art of the miniature. With over 20 contemporary artists working across a range of disciplines, the exhibition encourages visitors to slow down and take their time to engage with the intricate details of the multidisciplinary works. Free. all ages. Jealous Gallery East, 53 Curtain Road, Shoreditch, EC2A 3PT. Info: 020 7739 4107; www.jealousgallery. com/exhibitions/notice-thesmall-things

SEMBLANCE

Until 15 Nov, Sat & Sun 12noon-4.30pm

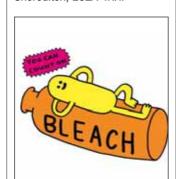
Family photos donated by



Hackney women are the starting point of a fascinating new photo exhibition at Sutton House. Using personal photos donated by local women, London artist Cherelle Sappleton creates a visual feast that introduces themes of love, loss, identity and family all with the lightest of touch. See moments in Hackney's history captured too, including the Second World War and the arrival to the area of people on the Windrush. Free. All ages. Sutton House and Breaker's Yard, 2 & 4 Homerton High Street, E9 6JQ. Info: 020 8986 2264; suttonhouse@ nationaltrust.org.uk; bit. ly/2NfwbN0

FALSE ADVERTISING

Until 17 Nov, various times London illustrator Al Murphy brings his 'False Advertising' exhibition to Shoreditch. The Book Club will become a giant billboard and multi-dimensional sensory overload experience designed to thrill and confuse customers while they attempt to eat their brunch. As a commercial artist, Al has had a long and complicated, on-off, love/hate relationship with the world of advertising. This ongoing conflict will be at the core of 'False Advertising'. Free. All ages. The Book Club, 100-106 Leonard Street, Shoreditch, EC2A 4RH.



Info: 020 7684 8618; www. wearetbc.com/

RA GIBSON STUDIO TOURING EXHIBITION

24 Sep-9 Dec, various opening times

A selection of photographs taken by Clapton-based RA Gibson studio between 1952 and 1989 is on tour across all Hackney libraries from now to December. The entire collection of around 150,000 negatives is held by Hackney Archives. It gives a wonderful and dynamic portrait of post-war changes in Hackney as different communities moved in and out of the area. Free. All ages. All Hackney libraries, Upcoming dates: Clapton Library, E5 8RA 24 Sept-7 Oct: Woodberry Down Library, N4 2HF 8-14 Oct; Homerton Library, E9 6AS 15-28 Oct; Hackney Central Library, E8 1GQ 29 Oct-11 Nov; St John at Hackney Church, E9 6RT 12-25 Nov; Shoreditch Library, N1 6LP 26 Nov-9 Dec. Info: 020 8356 2509; hmuseum@hackney.gov.uk



RIO CINEMA

For Sama (18); Ad Astra (12A); Bait (15); Hustlers (15). Rio Cinema, 107 Kingsland High Street, Dalston, E8 2PB. Info: 020 7241 9410; admin@ riocinema.org.uk; www. riocinema.org.uk

RICH MIX

Ad Astra (12A); Hustlers (15); Once Upon a Time in Hollywood (18). Rich Mix, 35-47 Bethnal Green Road, E1 6LA. Info: 020 7613 7498; www.richmix. org.uk

HACKNEY PICTUREHOUSE

The Farewell (PG); Ad Astra (12A); Downton Abbey (PG); Pain & Glory (15); Rojo (15); Once Upon a Time in Hollywood (18); Bait (15); Inna De Yard (12A); It: Chapter Two; Judy (12A). . Hackney Picturehouse, 270 Mare Street, E8 1HE. Info: 0871 902 5734; enquiries@picturehouses.co.uk; www.picturehouses.co.uk/cinema/hackney_picturehouse

THE CASTLE CINEMA

Ad Astra (12A); The Souvenir (15); For Sama (18); Bait (15); Once Upon a Time in Hollywood (18). The Castle Cinema, first floor, 64-66 Brooksby's Walk, Lower Clapton, E9 6DA. Info; hello@thecastlecinema.com; www.thecastlecinema.com



BAKING AND CAKE DECORATING MADE EASY

28 Sep & 5, 12, 19 Oct, 10am-1pm

Have you ever meticulously followed a recipe, only for your cake to come out of the oven undercooked, flat or sunken? Do you want to turn your ordinary looking cakes into fantastic looking cakes? This workshop will help you work out what went wrong, build your confidence, introduce you

to cake covering, the colouring of sugar paste, how to prepare butter cream and use simple piping strokes, plus more. All participants receive a free cake book. Disabled access. £250. Ages 18+. Unit 25, The Forum, Independent Place, Shacklewell Lane, E8 2HE. Info: 020 7249 4542; htea@live.co.uk; www.htea1.com/events/baking-cake-decorating-made-easy-workshop



SELF-DEFENCE & PERSONAL SAFETY WORKSHOP

30 Sep-18 Nov, every Mon, 11am-1pm

The course is a combination of practical self-defence activities and personal development aiming to increase the confidence and self-worth of all females. Participants must be able to commit to all eight weeks of the project to qualify for a potential free place and receive a certificate at the end. Terms and conditions apply. No creche available. All fitness levels welcome. Women and girls ages 16+. Pembury Community Centre, 1 Atkins Square, E8 1FA. Info: info@ sevnecatitraining.com; www. sevnecatitraining.com

COOKING WITH AQUAFABA

5 Oct, 10am-2.30pm Raw chef and nutritional therapist, Bruna Oliveira, will show you all the tips and tricks for using aquafaba as an amazingly versatile vegan egg replacer to make meringues, chocolate mousse and more. The masterclass will also include how to make vegan versions of desserts and how to use aquafaba in vegan omelettes, mayonnaise and butter. £84, £66 conc. Includes a delicious organic plant based lunch. Made In Hackney, Food For All Basement, 3 Cazenove Road, Stoke Newington, N16 6PA. Info: 020 8442 4266;

Win tickets to see 'Anna Bella Eema'!



playwright Lisa D'Amour's UK new fantasy premiere is sure to take your theatre experience to tale fits accordingly another dimension. 'Anna Bella Eema' runs at Arcola into the new season. Theatre until 12 October. For more information, or This wildly inventive blend of to buy tickets, visit: www. ghost story, fairytale and arcolatheatre.com

precocious child Annabella who lives in a deserted trailer park. Schooled by her eccentric mother Irene, she learns to co-exist with the vampires, werewolves and monsters that lurk in the world outside.

Desperate to ward off the new highway that

coming-of-age fantasy follows

Desperate to ward off the new highway that threatens the demolition of their home, Annabella steps outside to build a girl out of mud. The girl comes to life. The girl is Anna Bella Eema.

Hackney Today is giving away a pair of tickets to 'Anna Bella Eema' on any date of your choice (from 4 Oct). Send your entry to 'Anna Bella Eema' comp, Hackney Today, Communications, Hackney Town Hall, E8 1EA; or email: htnews@hackney.gov.uk by noon on 30 September. Submissions must include an email address and a contact number. Winners will be pulled out of a hat.

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info@madeinhackney.org; madeinhackney.org/whatson/event/cooking-withaquafaba



LEARN TO KNIT A 'TOP DOWN' CARDIGAN OR **SWEATER**

13 Oct, 1.30pm-5.30pm An introductory class aimed at fairly new knitters. Teacher Jillian Bulgan helps participants learn the basics of how to make a ragian cardigan or sweater using circular needles, knitted from the 'top down'. Using chunky wool to progress quickly, there will be enough instruction to complete at home. Participants will need approximately 350g yarn (see website for measurements) and 80cm circular needles, available to purchase at the workshop location. £45. Fabrications, 7 Broadway Market, London Fields, E8 4PH. Info: 020 7275 8043; barley@fabrications1.co.uk;



fabrications1.co.uk/event/

YOGA FOR CHARITY

Every Tues until 12 Nov, 6.30pm

Lead by a qualified Yoga teacher. Yoga sessions are suitable for all levels, beginners welcome. Please bring your own mat. All income goes to St Anne's Hoxton Relief in Need charity providing a soup kitchen, night shelter, youth club and food gifts. Disabled access. Walk-in sessions cost £5. All ages. St Anne's Church, Hemsworth Street, N1 5LF. Info: info@ scenarioarchitecture.com: scenarioarchitecture.com/ news-articles/yoga-forcharity/

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY SWIMMING

Every Wed until 30 Oct, 12noon-12.45pm

These dementia-friendly swimming sessions have been created to enhance the swimming experience for people living with dementia and their carers, friends and family. Disabled access. All ages. King's Hall Leisure Centre, 39 Lower Clapton Road, E5 ONU. Info: 020 8985 2158; Josephine.Cox@qll.org

KETTLEBELL CARDIO

Every Thurs, 7.45pm-8.15pm A cardio and weight training workout rolled into one. This challenging-but-fun kettlebell training works on your strength and endurance at the same time. kettlebell training strengthens your core and can alleviate back pain, if done consistently. £12. Membership bundles available. Strong + Bendy Studio, The Trowbridge Centre, 1 Trowbridge Road, Hackney Wick, E9 5LD. Info: 07908 555 018: rhian@ strongandbendy.co.uk; https://strongandbendy. co.uk/



FAITH AND MENTAL HEALTH

3 Oct. 6pm-8.30pm

The Hackney Faith Network brings together faith partners and organisations from across Hackney to celebrate the contribution of the faith community. The network brings the collective efforts together and identifies areas of future focus. The next event will be on 'Faith and Mental Health'. Catherine Loewenthal, emeritus professor (Psychology) at Royal Holloway, University of London, will introduce a discussion exploring the relationship between religious helief and mental health. There will also be information about local mental health services and sources of support. Plus more information about the

Census Rehearsal taking place in October. Free, register in advance. Hackney Town Hall, Mare Street, Hackney Central, E8 1EA. Info: bit.ly/2mcPfzd

ADFL 5K FUN RUN/WALK & **HEALTH TALKS**

12 Oct, 11am-4pm

A jam packed day of fitness to raise awareness for cancer, sickle cell and arthritis. Join Audition for Life (ADFL) at their charity event featuring a 5k fun run/ walk, health talks, a cool down party and free food. Disabled access. £15. Ages 16+. Downs Park Road, Hackney Downs, E5 8NP. Info: 07906 261 827; info@ ba-theatre.com: http://www. auditionforlife.com



THE PLUSH BRUNCH - DAY **AND NIGHT PARTY**

28 Sep, 3pm-3am

The Plush Brunch is back for the next day and night party. Featuring a sit down bottomless brunch in the day with tech and house DJs bringing an affair of fullon party vibes to McQueen alongside, live acts, percussion and performers right through to the early hours. £12-£45. Ages 21+. McQueen, 55-61 Tabernacle Street, Shoreditch, EC2A 4AA. Info: plushdafunk@gmail.com; go.evvnt.com/481109-0?pid=2348



VIDA ALTA HALLOWEEN SPECIAL

26 Oct, 7pm-3am

Club night Vida Alta returns to London. DJs will be covering vocal deep and tech house music with some Ibiza classics across three rooms on two

floors. Fancy dress encouraged and a free drinks bundle worth £250 will be given away at midnight to the best dressed. £15-£25. Queen of Hoxton, 1-5 Curtain Road, Hoxton, EC2A 3JX. Info: www.eventbrite. co.uk/e/vida-alta-halloweenspecial-tickets-71047989449

PREVIEW

RE:IMAGINE: THE HISTORY OF HOUSE MUSIC

9 Nov, 7pm-10pm

Roque Symphony are back for another incredible musical extravaganza. The audience will be taken on on a journey through the history of house music. The 16-piece orchestra, featuring full string and brass sections, will perform the ultimate house soundtrack including classics by the likes of Frankie Knuckles and Larry Levan, £15, Ages 18+. XOYO, 32-37 Cowper Street, Shoreditch, EC2A 4AP. Info: info@xoyo.co.uk; xoyo. co.uk/gigs/reimaginehistory-house-musicperformed-live-orchestra/



DJ Jazzy Jeff

2 Nov, Oval Space, E2 9DT

several gold and platinum selling records.

IT'S been over 40 years since his rise to fame alongside

Will Smith as DJ Jazzy Jeff & The Fresh Prince, winning

the first ever Grammy Award for rap and achieving

He has gone on to produce records for everyone from

Slum Village and The Roots to Mac Miller

and Bart Simpson, always sprinkling

them with his 'touch of jazz',

but it is still in the club that

this man truly comes alive.

With support from a dream

team of turntable talent

including the first back-

to-back set by Shortee

Blitz & Mr Thing in eight

years, this is going to be

a night to remember

for all music lovers.

£22.50. Ages 18+.

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For more

GASTRONOMIC

23 Sep-12 Oct, 7pm, 7.30pm & 9nm

Prepare for a threatrical and culinary journey like no other. Sky chefs prepare a menu on board an Airbus A380 heading towards London. Meanwhile, on the ground at Heathrow, border control is on high alert. 'Gastronomic' hosted by Curious Directive, doesn't just tell a great story celebrating the importance of eating together; each ticket includes a five-course tasting menu. The production uses Curious Directive's celebrated use of new technologies, with the use of augmented reality. The menu is pescatarian. A list of allergens is available in advance of booking.

Contact: marketing@ shoreditchtownhall.com before booking if you have any dietary requirements, as replacement dishes cannot be accommodated, £27.50 - £35 (includes a five-course tasting menu). Ages 12+. Shoreditch Town Hall, 380 Old Street, EC1V 9LT, Info: 020 7739 6176: info@ shoreditchtownhall.com: shoreditchtownhall.com/

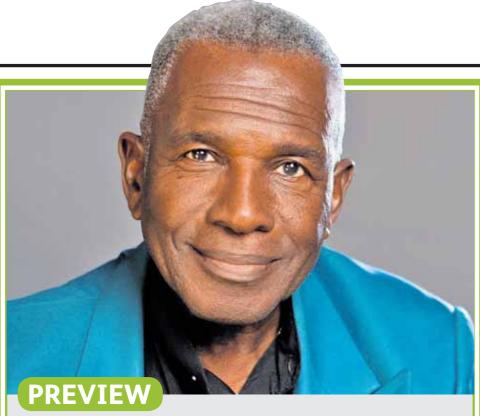
DEAD FUNNY

25-28 Sep & 1-5 Oct

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When a comedy legend dies, the Dead Funny Society gather to celebrate his life. Mix problematic marriages, a declaration of sexuality and rehashed comedy routines and suddenly everything turns fast and farcical. £14/ £13 conc. Tower Theatre Company, 16 Northwold Road, Clapton, N16 7HR. Info: 020 7353 5700; towertheatrelondon@gmail. com; www.towertheatre.co/ funny.htm





Rudolph Walker's 80th Birthday

20 October, Hackney Empire, 291 Mare Street, E8 1EJ

COME and celebrate an icon of the stage and screen as Rudolph Walker OBE celebrates his 80th birthday.
Hosted by Eddie Nestor and Robbie Gee, the roll call of acts paying tribute include Richard Blackwood, Glenda Jaxson, Slim, Curtis Walker, Axel Blake, Kat B, Tobago Crusoe, London Community Gospel Choir and Jermain Jackman — plus other celebrity guests of stage and screen.
On the night, which looks back over Rudolph Walker's life, the audience will

be entertained by singers, dancers, actors and comedians – alongside stars who have worked with Rudolph during his career, which spans 60 years.

All proceeds from the night will go to The Rudolph Walker Foundation, a charity set up by Rudolph 10 years ago to nurture and develop the creative and technical skills and talents of young people. Tickets cost £15-£35. For more info, visit: hackneyempire.co.uk/whats-on/rudolph-walkers-80th-birthday

WAITING FOR MYSELF TO DISAPPEAR

3-27 Oct, various times Actor Esther Niles weaves together contemporary and historic stories on female identity, independence, migration and gentrification. Alisha, a young British Caribbean woman who works at the museum, reads of Mary Anne, a black woman from Jamaica who worked as a wet nurse there. £15. Ages 14+. Geffrye Museum, 136 Kingsland Road, Hoxton, E2 8EA. Info: 020 7739 9893; info@geffryemuseum.org.uk; www. geffrye-museum.org.uk/ whatson/

SIZZLING HOT CIRCUS 5 Oct, 8pm

Hoxton Hall and Aircraft Circus Performance bring back Sizzling Hot Circus with an international cast of highly skilled circus and speciality acts. Disabled access. Ages 12+. Hoxton Hall, 130 Hoxton Street, N1 6SH. **Info:**

020 7684 0060; reception@ hoxtonhall.co.uk; www. hoxtonhall.co.uk/event/ sizzling-hot-circus-2/

HACKNEY COMEDY EXPERI-ENCE WITH NISH KUMAR

18 Oct, 8pm-10.30pm The alternative comedy circuit's biggest and best acts live. Nish Kumar, host of BBC Two's 'The Mash Report', headlines. Plus Edinburgh Comedy awardwinner Rose Matafeo, Angelos Epithemious, Felicity Ward and Best Newcomer nominee Sata Barron, £17, Ages 16+. EartH, 11-17 Stoke Newington Road, N16 8BH, Info: 0871 220 0260; customercare@ seetickets.com: www. plosive.co.uk/events/



KARATE SESSIONS

Until 20 Dec, 10am-12 noon
Karate club for children.
Sessions last one hour. Free
for the first session. Disabled
access. Contact for prices.
Ages 5-18. St Michael's
Church Hall, Lavender Grove,
Hackney E8 3LU. Info: 07957
311 200; morviah@gmail.com

LONDON PARKOUR PROJECT

Every Wed, 5.30pm-6.30pm
Outdoor parkour classes for children. The children will be able to learn all the core parkour moves as well as some acrobatic jumps. £30-£48. Ages 8-13. Meeting point: outside Sir Thomas Abney School Fairholt Road, N16 5ED. Info: bit.ly/2IPJalL

MUSIC WITH MADDY

Every Fri, 10am-11am
Join Maddy for some happy
tunes with singing, dancing,
instruments, puppets and
creative fun for children and
babies and their carers. £6/
£2 for extra sibling. Ages 0-5.

Hackney Museum, 1 Reading Lane, Hackney Central, E8 1GQ. Info: maddyclarke@ mac.com

FLEDGLINGS

Every Sat, until 7 Dec, 9am-9.50am

Fledglings Foundation Course offers reception age children an introduction to music through singing, movement and games, leading to end-ofterm performances. Disabled access. Contact for prices. Haggerston School, Weymouth Terrace, E2 8LS. Info: 020 8882 8825; saturday. programme@hmdtmusic. org.uk; www.hmdt.org.uk/saturdayprog/fledglings/



HACKNEY HALLOWEEN SPECTACULAR

27 Oct, 2pm-4.30pm

Family fun for the post-rave generation of parents. Big Fish Little Fish get set to deliver a party to remember with a dance floor filled with bubbles, balloons and confetti cannon topped off by the parachute dance. Licensed bar available. Parents remain responsible for their children at all times. Optional fancy dress: Spooky and scary. Kids £5/ Adults £7. Cash only for face painting. Children must be over 2 years old. Queen of Hoxton, 1-5 Curtain Road, EC2A 3JX. Info: info@ bigfishlittlefishevents.co.uk; www.bigfishlittlefishevents. co.uk



HACKNEY LEGAL WALK

28 Sep, 10.30am

The inaugural Hackney Legal Walk is a 10km walk to raise funds for legal advice centres

in the borough. The Mayor of Hackney will be joining in and Labour councillors are entering a team. The walk will start at 10.30am at the Hackney Marshes Centre and will circle the marshes following Lee Navigation Canal north, through the filter beds nature reserve and join the River Lea heading south. Then cross the bridge into East Marsh and into the Olympic Park via the footbridges. Register in advance. Meeting point: Hackney Marshes Centre, Homerton Road, E9 5PF. Info: bob@llst.org.uk; bit. ly/2lUoY8v

THE BIG LONDON FLEA29 Sep, 11am-6pm

Come hunt for personal treasures, rummage for bargains, and refresh your living space with unique finds. The Big London Flea is host to over 50 vintage traders. Including veteran vintage sellers from established London markets, selling alongside locals having a vintage clear out. Items on sale include furniture, records, electricals, homewares, art and unexpected flea finds. A food hall and sound system are also on offer. £1 entry. EartH (Evolutionary Arts Hackney), 11-17 Stoke Newington Road, N16 8BH. Info: laura@ villageunderground.co.uk; www.hackneyfleamarket.



POSTCARD FROM THE PAST: DOMESTIC LIFE ON TOUR

17 Oct, 6.30pm-8pm

Writer Tom Jackson has a vast collection of British postcards from the past 75 years.
Tom will take you through a selection of his favourites, reflecting the charm, eccentricity and humour of British domestic life. Disabled access. £12, book at bitly. com/postcard-past. Geffrye Museum, Kingsland Road, Hoxton, E2 8EA. Info: 07514 239 978; events@fotgm.org; www.fotgm.org

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY & CRAFT FAIR

26 Oct, 12noon-4pm
A cultural event for all the community to celebrate black history. Featuring workshops, stalls, crafts and decorative items for sale and refreshments. Call to book a stall. Disabled access. Free. All ages. Stoke Newington Methodist Church, 106A Stoke Newington High Street, N16 7NY. Info: 07956 905 730; designsbysuzanne01@hotmail.com

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Important information for submissions

To submit your listing to What's On for publication in Hackney Today and on the Council website, fill in the e-form at: www.lovehackney.london/whats-on-in-hackney

Please see the guidance notes on the website for further information

We reserve the right to edit any material. No submission is guaranteed a listing

Competitions



We offered readers a chance to win tickets to 'Hospitality in the Park'.

The lucky winner was Tara Millington

This page was compiled with the help of Hackney Learning Trust & local schools



S research reveals that seven in 10 teachers have witnessed homophobia in their classroom, a Hackney secondary school launched a national inclusivity campaign with the help of Will Young and Amazon.

Students at The Petchey Academy, E8, kicked off Amazon's LGBT+ Reading Roadshow, a programme that aims to celebrate the importance of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender plus (LGBT+) inclusion through literature.

Created in partnership with newspaper Pink News, education charity Just Like Us and musician Will Young, the roadshow brought inclusivity workshops and free books to schools across Britain.

At The Petchey Academy students spoke to Will Young about his own experience of school and how to tackle LGBT+ bullying. He was joined by the Mayor of Hackney Philip Glanville, Amazon volunteers and staff from Just Like Us.

Will Young said: "Thirty years ago, when I was at school, talking about LGBT+ issues or even reading these books in school would have been illegal. It was only 16 years ago that Section 28 was abolished - when many of these young people were just toddlers.

"Even today, young people still suffer from LGBT+ bullying and







Even today, young people still suffer from LGBT+ bullying and barriers to being their authentic selves

barriers to being their authentic selves. That's why it's great that Amazon is visiting schools across the country to show young people that being true to themselves is an enabler not a barrier to their future."

The initiative marks 16 years since the abolition of the controversial Section 28, which banned schools from teaching pupils about LGBT+ relationships.

The roadshow came as Amazon's own research indicated that homophobia, biphobia and transphobia are the most common causes of bullying in UK schools.

Rebecca Edwards, lead in Wider World at The Petchey Academy, said: "It's

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been incredibly exciting to have such a high-profile member of the LGBT community come and speak to our students about his experiences growing up and the importance of accepting that everyone is different.'



News in brief

Outstanding Ofsted for Sebright

SEBRIGHT Primary School has been rated 'outstanding' in all areas, after inspectors were wowed by 'the respectful and positive relationships between pupils and adults'. The Haggerston school, which received an inspection by Ofsted in May, was praised for its wide-ranging enrichment opportunities, carefully designed curriculum, outstanding pupil progress and high-quality teaching. The behaviour of pupils was singled out for praise, and inspectors were also impressed by the confidence that parents have in their children's teachers.

Trustees sought for Kench Hill

A RESIDENTIAL centre in Kent. which has worked with children from Hackney schools for more than 40 years,



is appealing for residents to support the charity to help secure its future.

Kench Hill Centre in Tenterden is a Georgian mansion set amongst acres of landscaped gardens. It provides educational activities, day and residential trips for children with different educational needs across Hackney. The charity is looking for trustees, who meet every quarter, to help it grow and secure its future.

For anyone interested in becoming a trustee, or for any schools interested in learning more about what is on offer at Kench Hill. email: sandi.bain@kenchhill.co.uk: or call: 01580 762 073.

NCC pupil basketball success

A YOUNG basketball player has slam-dunked his way to success, earning a scholarship that will see him cross the Atlantic to play in America.

Aaron Badibo, 19, will join one of America's top basketball colleges, Sheridan College in Wyoming, to play for their

college team, the Generals.

Aaron (pictured) was encouraged to apply for the scholarship while a student at New City College's Hackney Campus. He said: "I am so grateful to my teachers and coaches for pushing me to get to where I am now."



Hackney Schools Group Board's first ever chair appointed

ELEANOR Schooling has been confirmed as the first Chair of the Hackney Schools Group Board.

Eleanor's appointment was approved by Cabinet on 16 September, after a recruitment process.

She will lead the newly formed board, which will give school leaders a voice in how the quality

of education in Hackney develops in the future.

The board will advise the Council on long-term strategies. Its priorities are set to be around inclusion, achievement and the development of staff.

The other board members, including three headteachers and two chairs of governors, as

well as local and national experts, are expected to be announced later.

During her 40-year career, Eleanor has worked as a teacher, as Director of Children's Services at Islington Council and as a senior civil servant in government departments. Most recently, she was the instigator of change in

the way councils' children's services are inspected by Ofsted.

Eleanor said: "I am really looking forward to this new role. By giving school leaders a voice in how education continues to develop I believe we can make sure that all children and young people have a strong sense of belonging in some of the best schools in the country.

Cllr Anntoinette Bramble, Deputy Mayor of Hackney, added: "Eleanor shares our vision for Hackney's young people, has the capacity to build relationships across key partners and the tenacity to challenge the Council and the school system."



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feature

By Harriet Worsley

■HERE have been market stalls on Ridley Road since the 1880s, but none of them have been quite like the one photographer Tamara Stoll set up in 2017.

"I had started photographing the market in 2011, when I lived on the high street, just a couple of minutes away," she says.

"I was so interested in the different shapes it took at different times of the day, but most of all it was the interactions I had – the people I would meet, the things I would hear.'

She began taking intimate portraits of the market - of its traders, but also its landscape, its products and its produce. At the same time, she began a hunt for other historic photos of the road.

Hackney Archives shared photos of the market dating back from the 1930s to the 1980s, but Tamara wanted something more.

So, in 2017, she set up her market stall. She says: "I produced a set of Ridley Road postcards and, on the stall, I traded them for stories about the market.

"People were curious. I brought photos from the Hackney Archives too, and people would look for family members, they'd spot their mums in the background and tell me, 'I've been coming here since I was a toddler in the 50s.'

"I got a real sense of continuity and community through history. Some of the traders told me they were third, fourth or even fifth-generation traders too; that's a very strong community."

Tamara recorded these conversations, which totalled about 150 by the end of the summer.

She says: "People shared their memories of the market, their perspectives on how its changed and what its future might look

Trading places To capture the vibrancy of Ridley Road's street market, photographer Tamara Stoll set up a stall there

like. Some people stayed a few minutes, some for an hour."

One visitor to her stall told her about the vast collection of historic photos that had been unearthed at the Rio Cinema during its recent renovation and to which Tamara was granted access. People began to share their own family snaps too.

She recalls: "One trader brought a framed photo, probably straight from someone's front room."

Between these voices,

the archive material she had amassed, she found overlooked place, both

in the community and through history. A book was born - 'Ridley Road Market'.

eg stall; 5. On the postcard stall; 6. Julian's egg stall; rava; 8. Rahmat Gul; 9. Mr A James; 10. Robert Evans

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of the market, their perspectives

"It's not a history book," she stresses, "but yes, it will give people a sense of life

and culture on the market through the ages."

Her market stall conversations are whittled down to short snippets and scattered throughout the book, between photos, so that the whole impression is rather like that of walking through the market, hearing snatches of conversation as you go.

"Ridley Road market is where the world meets," writes Ken Worpole, social historian and a Hackney resident since 1969.

Adding: "No one has captured its vibrancy and humanity better than Tamara Stoll. Her book is now the definitive record of one of the most historic and colourful street markets of London, if not the world."

Tamara is currently crowdfunding to ensure the book is made and distributed. A number of books will be sold on a stall on Ridley Road with all profits going to the 'Save Ridley Road' campaign.

There are 75 of Tamara's own photographs inside, as well as 60 archival images from the Rio and Hackney Archives, plus 150 personal narratives of traders and customers.

The crowdfunder, which closes on 11 October, seeks to ensure that copies are also donated to local schools within a mile of the market 'as a resource of local knowledge for the next generation of Hackney citizens'.

"The book came from the market," she says, "and I want it to return to the market too."

MORE INFO

For more information, or to donate, visit: www.crowdfunder. co.uk/ridley-roadmarket-book

on how its changed and what its future might look like

her own photos and herself in possession of a vibrant impression of the market's central, yet often

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Love Shoreditch Park?

OCAL people's views will be put at the heart of a proposed £2million programme to improve Shoreditch Park, as **Hackney Council launches** an engagement exercise next month to find out what they would like to see in the park.

The public events, workshops, information stalls and drop-in sessions taking place across Hoxton and Shoreditch are set to give people a chance to tell Council officers what they value in the park and what they would like to see improved.

These will include a public event in Shoreditch Park on 26 October where people can come along and

Shoreditch Park is... somewhere for people to relax in this busy, urban part of the borough

take part in activities to help the Council design an improved park.

While the Council has ambitions to increase biodiversity, and improve entrances, sports and play facilities in the park, it has no fixed plans for how this should happen, and wants residents to input with their ideas.

The Council will then work with LUC - the landscape architects appointed to work on the project – to design a detailed masterplan, which it will ask residents to feed back on in a consultation early next year.

Depending on feedback, the improvement work is expected to begin in autumn next vear.

Cllr Feryal Clark, Deputy Mayor of Hackney, said: "Shoreditch Park is one of our 27 Green Flag parks and is somewhere for people to relax in this busy, urban part of the borough.

"There's lots people love about it – the large open

space, its informal sports areas and playground - but we know that the green areas could be improved and that some people think the park doesn't feel as safe as it should.

"We're committed to investing in Hackney's parks, and we genuinely want to listen to what people have to say about Shoreditch Park before we embark on this £2million programme, which we think will allow us to make some really exciting changes."

MORE INFO



Have your say at: shoreditchpark. commonplace.is/

News in brief

Urban and green fingered

EVER fancied yourself as an urban beekeeper? Or considered trying your hand at mushroom growing before remembering that you can't even keep a cactus alive? The Urban Harvest might be the event for you. Until 6 October, harvest feasts, hands-on workshops, tours and family friendly activities are being held across Hackney and London – to celebrate the city's community gardens and their harvests.

To find out more, visit: www.capitalgrowth.org/events/ opengardens

Solar panels for homeowners

A NEW scheme offering high-quality, competitively priced solar panels is helping homeowners in Hackney generate their own clean energy and save on



energy costs as part of the Council's drive to reduce fuel poverty and tackle the climate emergency.

Solar Together London – part of the Mayor of London's Energy for Londoners and Hackney Council's Green Homes programmes - makes buying solar panels accessible and affordable by allowing homeowners to buy collectively with others across London and benefit from the lower prices that group-buying brings. Homeowners can register their interest in Solar Together until 22 October.

For more information, including how the scheme works and how to register interest, visit: www.hackney.gov.uk/ solar-together

Hackney is greenest borough

HACKNEY is London's greenest local authority, according to new Government data.

The figures, released by the Department of Business, Energy, Industry and Strategy, show that Hackney has the lowest carbon dioxide emissions per capita in the capital. The borough has successfully reduced its emissions by 43 per cent in the past 10 years.

The Council declared a climate emergency in February, and committed to achieving net-zero emissions by 2040. For more information on keeping Hackney green, visit: hackney.gov.uk/air-quality

Flying the flag for Hackney's parks

THE Council officially boasts 27 of the best parks in the UK, up from 25 last year, as recognised by the Green Flag awards.

Broadway Market Green and Rowley Gardens in Woodberry Down were awarded this year - as well as St Leonard's Churchyard, St Mary's Secret Garden

and Woodberry Wetlands, which are maintained by other organisations.

The Green Flag award programme, now in its third decade, signals to the public that the spaces are not only beautifully maintained, but also boast high environmental standards and excellent visitor facilities.

Hackney is constantly working to improve and maintain its green spaces. This year has seen the Council plant 90 trees in 11 parks, launch a new playground at Daubeney Fields in King's Park, refurbish the toilets in Hackney Downs and start the £4m restoration of Springfield Park.

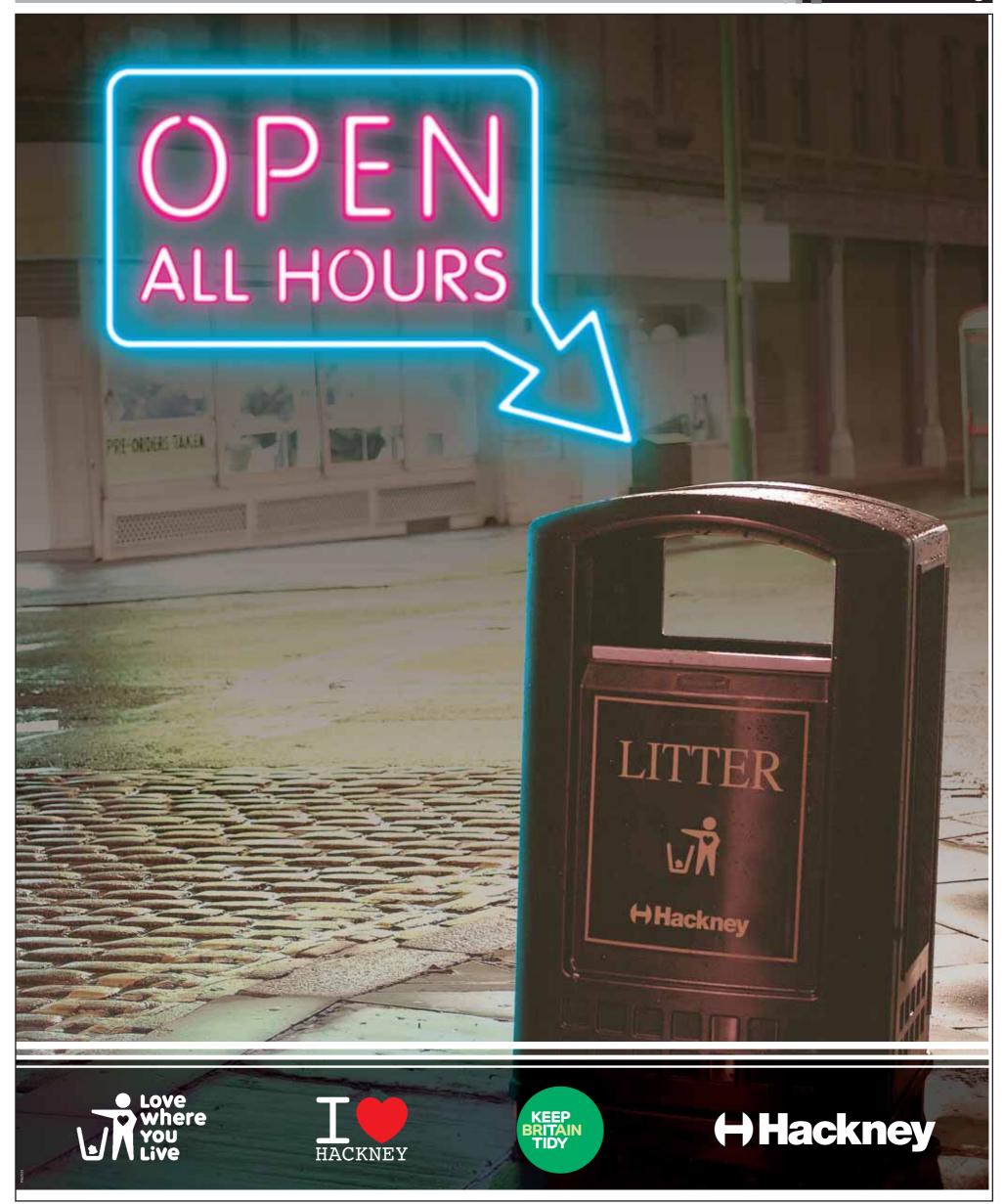


Hackney Council Green Flag winners

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Hoxton Square, N1

London Fields, E8 Mabley Green, E9 Mark Street Gardens, EC2 Millfields Park, E5
Rowley Gardens, N4 Shoreditch Park, N1
Springfield Park, E5
St John's Churchyard, E5
St Thomas, E9
Gardens, E9 Stonebridge Gardens, E8
Well Street Common, E9 West Hackney Recreation Ground, N16 Woodberry Down Park, N4



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health

MOKERS in Hackney are being urged to give up cigarettes for the annual Stoptober campaign next month.

More than 40,000 people in Hackney who smoke are being encouraged to use the free resources and support available in the borough.

Quitting with support is much more effective than doing it on your own. Research suggests if you can stop smoking for 28 days you are five times more likely to stay smokefree for good.

For smokers who live, study or work in the borough, Smokefree Hackney offers free medication (prescription charges may apply) and one-to-one support for up to 12 weeks.

There are stop smoking clinics located in GP practices, pharmacies, Homerton Hospital and other community settings.

Deborah James, a nurse from Hackney, gave up last October. She said: "I knew I'd need support, especially in the initial stages, so I got in touch with Smokefree Hackney.

"The best thing about quitting smoking is that I breathe more easily, smell better and have more energy."

Haggerston resident Enrique Stallard also successfully quit his



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30-year smoking habit with the help of Smokefree Hackney.

He said: "I'm really glad I went in and had that talk. I look at people smoking now and I think, 'oh mate, you need to pack it in!"

Switching to vaping can also help reduce people's health risks.

According to Public Health England research, it is up to 95 per cent safer than smoking tobacco.

A number of vape stores in the borough, in partnership with Smokefree anyone wishing to quit with an e-cigarette with the stop smoking service.

Cllr Feryal Clark, Deputy Mayor of Hackney, said: "Smoking can be an extremely hard habit to break but with the

> support of our local services and with so many options available, now is the best time to give quitting a go."



Hackney, are

offering a

discount

kits to

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15 per cent

For more information about the Stoptober campaign, visit: www.nhs.uk/oneyou/for-your-body/quit-smoking/stoptober

For more information about Smokefree Hackney and selected vape stores, visit: www.smokefreehackney.org/support, call: 0800 046 99 46 / 020 3316 1085 or email: smokefreehackney@nhs.net

There is also support online. Search 'Stoptober' and choose tools such as the 'Personal Quit Plan' or the smokefree app.

News in brief

Wellbeing project gets funding

A CHARITY that helps Hackney's older population has received a grant worth £433,382 from the National Lottery Community fund. The Hackney Caribbean Elderly Organisation (HCEO) will use the funding to support its 'Ageing-Growing-Engaging' project. The wellbeing programme, aimed predominantly at black and ethnic minority communities, aims to address problems such as loneliness, poor diet and physical health.

HCEO day services manager, Beryl Pusey, said: "It will boost our endeavours to provide quality services and to develop the organisation to tackle some of the challenges facing the elderly."
For more information, visit: hceo.org.uk



Smart thinking on phone course

GROUNDWORK, a London charity aimed at strengthening communities and minimising loneliness, has been running a free course in Hackney to increase the confidence of older residents using smartphone technology. Participants in the free 'Silver Connections' programme are taught how to do more with their phones than simply making calls. A group of graduates recently used their newly acquired skills to organise a group outing to Hackney City Farm. They used their phones to map their journeys, check travel costs and opening times. One participant, Victoria, said: "It's very nice with all the group. We are together. It's so lovely and we enjoy it." For more information about the Silver Connections programme, visit: www.groundwork.org.uk/london



New support for unpaid carers

LOCAL services for unpaid adult carers in Hackney will change from next month.

From 1 October, the charity Carers First will be providing information, advice and support for carers. The Council and East London Foundation Trust will carry out assessments for carers, reviews and help with planning support including direct payments and planning for emergencies.

Carers can get more info from Carers First by calling: 0300 303 1555; or go to: www.carersfirst.org.uk
Carers under the age of 18 providing care for an adult in Hackney can contact Hackney Young Carers' project by calling: 020 7254 9408; or visiting: www.actionforchildren.org.uk/in-your-area/services/young-carers/hackney-young-carers-project/

City & Hackney CCG rated 'Outstanding' by NHS

CITY and Hackney Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has been officially rated as 'Outstanding' by NHS England in its annual CCG assessment for 2018/19.

It was one of only 24 CCGs across the country to receive the accolade of 'Outstanding', and one of only three in London.

The CCG has been particularly praised for its delivery around adult mental health and the

'Improving Access to Psychological Therapies' programme, which connects patients with mental health services.

In addition, the CCG has consistently delivered on diagnosing dementia and delivering early intervention for psychosis, with more than half of people being treated within two weeks of referral.

Dr Mark Ricketts, Chair of City and Hackney CCG,



said: "The result attests to a collective endeavour building over many years. "Clinicians deliver

our excellent services, working with managers and the public to make our values a reality."

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younghackney



■HOUSANDS of young residents had a busy and eventful summer break, thanks to the jampacked Young Hackney Summer Programme.

More than 7,000 places for activities aimed at six to 19-year olds – or 25 for those with special educational needs and disability (SEND) - were held at the four youth hubs across the borough.

Highlights were trips to Camber Sands for 90 young people from The Edge and Forest Road Youth Hub; a trip to Chessington World of Adventures; and a silent party, where young people listened to the music at the

I want to say thank you to all the youth workers at Young Hackney for making my summer holiday so amazing

event through headphones.

Other activities included skateboarding, wheelchair basketball, paddleboarding and sports sessions for young people with SEND and their families.

Dezjarn Marshall, eight, who attended The Edge Youth Hub in Woodberry Down, said: "I want to say thank you to all the youth workers at Young Hackney for making my summer holiday so amazing, I had

so much fun."

Young people from Concorde Youth Hub in Homerton also visited Stubbers Adventure Centre in Upminster for a twonight stay. The trip was made possible thanks to the Hackney Youth Opportunity Fund.

The fund is designed to give young people the opportunity to access grants for youth led, projects, activities and/or workshops. Applications to the fund are open until 27 September.

Cllr Anntionette Bramble, Deputy Mayor of Hackney, said: "Young Hackney, as well as all our commissioned providers, have hosted an enviable programme.

"I'd like to thank all of our youth workers, as well as the young people who've enjoyed the programme this summer."

MORE INFO

For more information about the Hackney Youth Opportunity fund, visit: www. younghackney.org/yof

News in brief

Catwalk debut for designers

TWO teenagers from Hackney have had their fashion skills recognised by winning a place on the catwalks of London **Fashion Week**

Fatimabibi Mohmad, 17, and Joy Anuoluwa, 18, made it through to the 2019 Fashion Futures Final, a competition designed to help young people from diverse ethnic and economic backgrounds get the skills and support to break into the fashion industry.

With the support of Hoxton-based charity FAD and volunteers from across the fashion world, they created their own designs. Fatimabibi said: "Before, I was confused and stuck on exactly which route I wanted to take career wise but coming out of Fashion Futures, I know exactly what it is I want to do.'





Apprenticeship awards winners

HACKNEY Council won gold twice at the London round of the National Apprenticeship Awards earlier this month, taking the British Army Award for Large Employer of the Year for London and The People Plus Award for Recruitment Excellence.

Cllr Carole Williams, Cabinet Member for Employment, Skills and Human Resources, said: "We know we've got a really good employment and skills team who do their best for our apprentices in Hackney – and this is just confirming the work that they put in day in, day out." Hackney will go to a national final on 27 November.



Hackney won the British Army Award for Large Em

Inspire young men at event

THE Young Hackney team is looking for enthusiastic male professionals from all walks of life, backgrounds and sectors to volunteer in the next Inspiring Young Men event. The aim is to inspire young men to think about their future careers through real life stories, raise their awareness of the variety of jobs and sectors, as well as different paths

The event will take place on 20 November, from 12noon to 3.30pm, at Forest Road Youth Hub. To apply, contact xanthippi.karkantou@hackney.gov.uk

It's a Shore thing!

SHOREDITCH Town Hall hosted a youth-led arts festival - Shoreditch Live - last month.

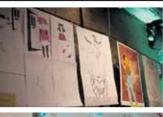
Organised by the Council-run youth arts festival, Discover Young Hackney, it featured a graffiti corner, art exhibitions, illustration workshops, a barbecue, and a live music stage for local, young musicians.

Attendees were encouraged to use their imagination and creativity in a graffiti corner run by Snooze Fabric - a local art duo comprising knitwear designer Romany Taylor and illustrator Wayne Murray.

Cllr Anntoinette Bramble, Deputy Mayor of Hackney, said: "Events like this provide myriad opportunities for young people to discover new interests, build their confidence, make new friends and get in touch with their creative sides



in a fun, welcoming and encouraging environment - which is the ethos behind our annual Discover Young Hackney arts festival."





The Mayor and councillors

Councillors are elected by residents and serve for four years. The last borough-wide elections took place in May 2018.

Councillors have a range of responsibilities, including helping to oversee Council services

They hold advice surgeries where residents can meet their local representative and ask them to take up issues of concern. Generally they can help with Council related matters, but if the issue is the responsibility of another person or organisation, councillors can often point people in the right direction and tell residents who they need to see Hackney has 57 councillors representing

areas called wards - see map below.



Hackney's executive Mayor Philip Glanville was directly elected by the borough in 2018. He is the political leader of the Council, overseeing the budget and all Council services. The Mayor holds monthly casework surgeries in the Town Hall. To book an appointment, email: mayor@hackney.gov.uk; or call: 020 8356 2212. Residents are first encouraged to contact their ward councillor. Civic and ceremonial duties are undertaken by the Speaker of Hackney, who is chosen annually from the borough's 57 councillors. The current Speaker is Cllr Kam Adams.

1. BROWNSWOOD



Cllrs Brian Bell & Clare Potter (on a rota basis) 1st Fri each month 6.30-7.30pm, The Kings Crescent Estate Community Centre, Queens Drive, N4 2XD. 3rd Fri each month 6.30-7.30pm, Azalea Court Community Hall, Queens Drive,

Monthly roving surgeries by request.

Contact these cllrs on: brian.bell@hacknev.gov.uk: clare.potter@hackney.gov.uk

6. HACKNEY CENTRAL



Clirs Ben Hayhurst, Vincent Stops & Sophie Conway (on a rota basis) 1st Thur each month 6-7pm, roving surgery. Please contact cllrs if you would like ther to visit your street. 3rd Sat each month 11am-12noon, Wilton Estate Community Hall, Greenwood Road



Contact these clirs on: ben.hayhurst@hackney.gov. uk: vincent.stops@hackney. .uk, sophie.conway@ hackney.gov.uk

2. CAZENOVE



Cllrs Anthony McMahon, Sam Pallis & Caroline Woodley (on a rota basis) 1st Sun each month 3pm, Stamford Hill Library, ortland Avenue, N16 6SB. 2nd Thur each month 5.30-6.30pm, North London Muslim Community Centre, 68
Cazenove Road, N16 6AA.
3rd Sun each month Roving surgery. Last Fri each month 2-4pm. Stamford Hill Estate munity Centre, N16 6RS.

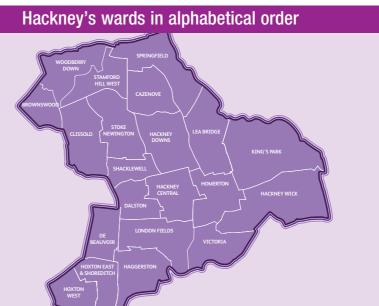
7. HACKNEY DOWNS



Cllr Michael Desmond 1st Sun each month 11am-12noon, Luncheon Club. 19 Olympus Square, E5 Cllr Anna-Joy Rickard 2nd Sun each month Hall, Clapton, E5 80Z. Cllr Sem Moema 2nd Sat each month Hall, Rectory Road, N16 7QT.



10am-11am, Landfield Community 10am-11am, Beckers Community 4th Sun each month Roving surgery



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15. LONDON FIELDS

17. SPRINGFIELD



Cllr Simche Steinberger (no surgery in September)
2nd Mon each month
4-5pm, Stamford Hill Library, Portland
Avenue, N16 6SB. 3rd Sun each month 2.30-3.30pm. Asda Parade. U Marka. 158 Clapton Common, E5 9AG. Clir Michael Levy 3rd Sun each month 11.30am-12.30pm, Webb Estate Community Hall, E5 9BD.

Community Hall, E5 9BD.
CIIr Harvey Otze.
2nd Mon each month
7.30-8.30pm, The Mount Community
Hall, 21 Mount Pleasant Lane, E5 9DW.
4th Mon each month
7.30-8.30pm, Wrens Park Community
Hall, Springfield, E5 9LN.
Contact CIIr Odze on: 020 8356 1233.

18. STAMFORD HILL WEST



Clirs Aron Klein & Benzion



CIIr Aron Klein 2nd Mon each month 4-5pm, Stamford Hill Library, Portland Avenue, N16 6SB.

CIIr Benzion Papier Contact Members Services on: **020 8356 3373**; or email: members.services@hackney. gov.uk

3. CLISSOLD



Cllrs Sophie Cameron, Ned Hercock & Sade Etti (on a rota basis) 2nd Tues each month 6.30-7.30pm. Stoke Newington Library, Stoke Newington Church Street, N16 0JS. 3rd weekend each month

Roving surgery. All cllrs

Contact cllrs on email: clissold@hackney.gov.uk; or call: 020 8356 3373.





& Nick Sharman (on a rota basis) 1st Sun each month 12noon-1pm, Trowbridge Senior Citizens Hall, 15 Lavington Close, F9 5HF

Clirs Chris Kennedy, Jess Webb



Contact cllrs on email: Jessica Webb@Hacknev.gov.uk: Christopher.Kennedy@Hackney gov.uk; Nick.Sharman@ Hackney.gov.uk; contact Cllr Kennedy on: 07730 883 190.

11. HOXTON EAST & SHOREDITCH



Clirs Kam Adams, Feryal Clark & Stephen Race (on a rota basis) 1st Sat each month 10 30-11 30am Shoreditch Library, 80 Hoxton Street, N1 6LP



3rd Sat each month 11am-12noon, roving surgery



14. LEA BRIDGE



Rathbone & Deniz Oguzkanli (on a rota basis) 1st Thurs each month 6.30-7.30pm, Salvation Army Centre, 122-124 Lower Clapton Road, E5 OQR. 2nd Sat each month

Clirs Margaret Gordon, Ian

16. SHACKLEWELL

18. STAMFORD HILL WEST

19. STOKE NEWINGTON

21 WOODBERRY DOWN

17. SPRINGFIELD

20. VICTORIA

1.30-2.30pm, Venetia's Coffee Shop, 55 Chatsworth Road, E5. 4th Sat each month 1-2pm, The Community Flat. Jack Watts Estate, 10 Detmold

Road, E5. Contact Cllr Rathbone on e-mail: ian.rathbone@tiscali. co.uk; or call: 07890 654 068.

19. STOKE NEWINGTON



Mete Coban & Gilbert Smyth (on a rota basis) 2nd Sat each month Library, Stoke Newington Church Street N16 0.IS

4th Sat each mo Roving surgery, 11am-1pm



Contact cllrs on email: susan.faianathomas@hacknev. gov.uk; mete.coban@hackney. gov.uk; gilbert.smyth@ hackney.gov.uk

4. DALSTON



Clirs Soraya Adejare & Peter Snell (on a rota basis) 3rd Fri each month 6.30-7.30pm, Dalston CLR



James Library, Dalston Square, F8 30B 1st Wed each month 5.30-6.30pm, Rhodes Estate Community Hall, 24-30 Dalston

Contact Cllr Peter Snell on: 07941 179 129. Contact Cllr Soraya Adejare on: 07951 172 744.

9. HAGGERSTON



Garasia & Patrick Spence

10-11am, Regents Pensioners Hall, 33 Brougham Road, E8 4PD. Clirs Humaira Garasia and



Cllrs Ajay Chauhan, Humaira

3rd Sat each month



Patrick Spence (on a rota basis)

6-7pm, Haggerston Community

Centre, 8 Lovelace Street. E8 4FF.

1st Wed each month

12. HOXTON WEST



Clirs Clayeon McKenzie, Carole Williams & Yvonne Maxwell Clir Clayeon McKenzie 3rd Sat each month 10.30-11.30am. Shoreditch Library, 80 Hoxton Street, N1 6LP. **CIIr Carole Williams** 3rd Wed each month



6-7pm, Provost Community Hall, Murray Grove, N1 7QX. Clir Yvonne Maxwell 10-11.30am, Shoreditch Library, 80 Hoxton Street, N1 6LP. 2nd Sun every other month Roving surgery. 020 8356 3373.

15. LONDON FIELDS



Clirs Anntoinette Bramble M Can Ozsen & Emma Plouviez (on a rota basis) **1st Thurs each month** 6.30-7.30pm, Queensbridge Leisure Centre, 30 Holly Street,



3rd Sat each month 10-11am, Regents Pensioners Hall, 30 Brougham Rd, E8 4PD.

20. VICTORIA



Cllrs Katie Hanson, Clare Joseph & Penny Wrout



CIIr Katie Hanson 2nd Wed each month 7-8pm, New Kingshold Community Centre, 49 Ainsworth Road,



1st Sat each month 10-11am, Hackney Central Library, **Clir Penny Wrout** Last Sat each month

12Noon-1pm, Frampton Park Baptist Church, Frampton Park

5. DE BEAUVOIR



Cllrs Polly Billington & James Peters (on a rota basis) 2nd Sat each month 11am-12noon, Happy Cafe 63 Downham Road, N1. 4th Sat each month

11am-12noon, Kingsgate Community Hall, Tottenham Road, N1 4DR

Contact Cllr Peters on email: james.peters@hackney.gov.uk; or call members services on: 020 8356 3373. Contact Cllr Billington via nbers services on: 020 8356

10. HOMERTON



Clirs Robert Alan Chapman, Guy olson and Anna Lynch

3rd Fri each month 6.30-7.30pm, Bannister House Community Hall. Homerton High Street, E9 6BP.

Roving Surgery. For further details call: 07821 330 532 .



13. KING'S PARK



Clirs Sharon Patrick, Tom Rahilly & Rebecca Rennison (on a rota basis) 1st Fri each month 6.30-7.30pm. The Kabin. Kingsmead Way, E9 5QG 3rd Sat each month 11am-12noon. Vi Forrester Hall. Gilpin Road, Clapton, E5 OLH,



16. SHACKLEWELL



Cllrs Michelle Gregory & Richard Lufkin (on a rota basis) 1st Fri each month 6-7pm, Dalston CLR James

Library, Dalston Lane, E8 3BQ

Monthly roving surgeries or meetings by prior arrangement

Contact councillors on email: michelle.gregory@hackney. gov.uk & richard.lufkin@ hackney.gov.uk; or call services on: 020 8356 3373.

21. WOODBERRY DOWN

F9 7.IF

Clir Clare Joseph

Road, E9 7PQ.



Cllrs Jon Burke & Caroline Selman Cllr Burke



6-7pm, Joseph Court Community Hall, Amhurst Park, N16 5AJ. 4th Thurs each month 6-7pm, Amwell Court Residents' Hall.

Amwell Court, Green Lanes, N4 2NY Clir Caroline Selman 2nd Sat each month 10-11am, WDCO Office, Unit 2c Rowan Apartments, N4 1FS (Turkish translation service can be arranged in advance). 3rd Sun of month 10-11am, Ben Simons Community Hall, Block 1-66, Lincoln Court, Bethune

To check which councillor covers your area, or confirm surgery times, call: 020 8356 3373. More info: www.hackney.gov.uk/elected-representatives



A healthy eating programme from Shoreditch Trust www.shoreditchtrust.org.uk



SHOREDITCH Trust's Food For Life Programme is here to help everyone in Hackney discover affordable healthy eating, cooking skills and food knowledge. Peas are a great source of fibre and protein. Fibre slows the release of glucose into our bloodstream and can help to keep our blood sugar levels steadier throughout the day. Because fibre feeds the healthy bacteria in your gut, pea fibre may also improve

These fritters are quick to make and store well for a few days in the fridge. They can be eaten on their own as breakfast-on-the-go or as a snack. For a bigger meal, serve with a salad

Pea fritters

Makes 8 fritters

Preparation time 10 mins





Ingredients

- 500g peas (frozen ones are fine)
- •3 eggs
- 2 spring onions, chopped
- 130g flour (we used gram flour for extra protein)
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 handful of fresh herbs (eg basil, parsley, mint)
- 1 tsp cayenne pepper or chilli flakes
- Zest of 1 lemon
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 75g feta cheese
- Olive oil, for cooking

Method

• If using frozen peas, cover with boiling water for 5 minutes to defrost them, then drain

- Option 1: If you have a food processor or blender, blend half of the peas, the eggs, spring onions, flour, baking powder, spices, fresh herbs and lemon zest together
- Option 2: If you do not have a food processor or blender, mash half of the peas, then stir in the eggs. In another bowl, mix the flour, spices and baking powder then combine with the pea and egg mixture. Finely chop the spring onions and herbs and add them to the mix
- **Both options:** Mix in the other 250g peas and the crumbled feta cheese. Add 1 teaspoon of olive oil to a frying pan and turn on the heat to medium-high. Use a tablespoon to spoon the batter into the pan. Cook for 2 minutes, then use a spatula to flip and cook the other side until lovely and golden
- Serving suggestion: Serve with a salad of your choice, wholemeal pitta breads and natural or Greek yogurt with finely chopped fresh mint (optional).

More info

For more information, or to book, call: 020 7033 8529; Shoreditch email: food@shoreditchtrust.org.uk; or visit: www.shoreditchtrust.org.uk/Food-for-Life



Have your say on traffic reduction in Walford Road

THE Council is carrying out further consultation on proposals to reduce traffic and improve road safety in Walford Road, Brighton Road and Nevill Road.

The consultation comes after an April decision by the Council's Cabinet to carry out more research on option B of the original Walford Road proposals, which were consulted on last year.

The proposals, if implemented, would see road closures introduced on Nevill Road, between Clonbrock Road and Osterley Road; on Clonbrock Road at its junction with Nevill Road; and on Allen Road at its junction with Nevill Road.

This would reduce traffic on Walford Road, Brighton Road and the southern part of Nevill Road, making them better for walking and cycling especially along Cycle

Superhighway 1 (CS1).

If the proposal was to be implemented, the section of the CS1 on Nevill Road, between Allen Road and Osterley Road, would no longer be used as a rat run.

This should reduce the amount of traffic, vehicle speeds and crashes.

There would be an increase in the amount of traffic in some parts of the surrounding area. As a consequence, the Council commissioned air quality modelling, which was carried out by air quality consultants CERC. This is available to view in the

consultation documents.

The Council has also been carrying out engagement on its successful bid to the Mayor of London's Air Quality Fund to reduce traffic on Stoke Newington Church Street and proposals to introduce School Streets at William Patten and St Mary's schools.

For more information there is a drop-in event at Stoke Newington Town Hall on 24 September, from 3pm to 8pm.

Have your say, before 25 October, at: consultation. hackney.gov.uk/streetscene/ walford-road-area/

10am

6.30pm

7pm

6pm



The proposals are aimed at reducing traffic and improving road afety in Brighton Road, Walford Road and Nevill Road

Meetings **COUNCIL MEETINGS IN SEPTEMBER** 24 Licensing Sub Committee 7pm 10 London Borough of Hackney Integrated 30 Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission 7pm Commissioning Board **COUNCIL MEETINGS IN OCTOBER** 10 Audit Committee Planning Sub-Committee 6.30pm 10 Licensing Sub Committee Licensing Sub Committee 2pm Cabinet Procurement Committee 6pm Scrutiny Panel 16 Skills, Economy and Growth Scrutiny Commission 7pm 7pm

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